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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

I respectfully request that the House of Representatives consider H.R. 213, the "Adoption Tax Relief Guarantee Act of 2009," before the adjournment of the 111th Congress. This important legislation will make permanent the \$10,000 child adoption tax credit currently set to expire on December 31 of this year.

The desire to see children grow up in healthy, happy environments with loving parents knows no party boundaries. To this end, Congress originally passed and President Clinton signed a \$5,000 tax credit (\$6,000 for domestic special-needs adoptions) per adoptive family. This credit was set to expire in December 2001. In May 2001, Congress took steps to extend this credit to 2010 and increase the tax credit to \$10,000. We are once again facing a looming deadline that threatens to compromise the ability of average American families to adopt.

While there has been great debate on extending the tax cuts of 2001 and 2003, the adoption credit legislation has been well received by many Members of Congress. I am in favor of a full extension of all the tax cuts included in the 2001 and 2003 legislation, especially the adoption tax credit. I am hopeful that this legislation will be enacted and make the dream of family a permanent reality for many Americans.

I appreciate your work on behalf of the loving parents desiring to expand their families, and respectfully urge you hold a vote on this important legislation at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,



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Member of Congress

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